

77-18-1. Suspension of sentence -- Pleas held in abeyance -- Probation -- Supervision -- Presentence investigation -- Standards -- Confidentiality -- Terms and conditions -- Termination, revocation, modification, or extension -- Hearings -- Electronic monitoring.

(1) On a plea of guilty or no contest entered by a defendant in conjunction with a plea in abeyance agreement, the court may hold the plea in abeyance as provided in Title 77, Chapter 2a, Pleas in Abeyance, and under the terms of the plea in abeyance agreement.

(2) (a) On a plea of guilty, guilty with a mental illness, no contest, or conviction of any crime or offense, the court may, after imposing sentence, suspend the execution of the sentence and place the defendant on probation. The court may place the defendant:

(i) on probation under the supervision of the Department of Corrections except in cases of class C misdemeanors or infractions;

(ii) on probation with an agency of local government or with a private organization; or

(iii) on bench probation under the jurisdiction of the sentencing court.

(b) (i) The legal custody of all probationers under the supervision of the department is with the department.

(ii) The legal custody of all probationers under the jurisdiction of the sentencing court is vested as ordered by the court.

(iii) The court has continuing jurisdiction over all probationers.

(3) (a) The department shall establish supervision and presentence investigation standards for all individuals referred to the department. These standards shall be based on:

(i) the type of offense;

(ii) the demand for services;

(iii) the availability of agency resources;

(iv) the public safety; and

(v) other criteria established by the department to determine what level of services shall be provided.

(b) Proposed supervision and investigation standards shall be submitted to the Judicial Council and the Board of Pardons and Parole on an annual basis for review and comment prior to adoption by the department.

(c) The Judicial Council and the department shall establish procedures to implement the supervision and investigation standards.

(d) The Judicial Council and the department shall annually consider modifications to the standards based upon criteria in Subsection (3)(a) and other criteria as they consider appropriate.

(e) The Judicial Council and the department shall annually prepare an impact report and submit it to the appropriate legislative appropriations subcommittee.

(4) Notwithstanding other provisions of law, the department is not required to supervise the probation of persons convicted of class B or C misdemeanors or infractions or to conduct presentence investigation reports on class C misdemeanors or infractions. However, the department may supervise the probation of class B

misdemeanants in accordance with department standards.

(5) (a) Before the imposition of any sentence, the court may, with the concurrence of the defendant, continue the date for the imposition of sentence for a reasonable period of time for the purpose of obtaining a presentence investigation report from the department or information from other sources about the defendant.

(b) The presentence investigation report shall include:

(i) a victim impact statement according to guidelines set in Section 77-38a-203 describing the effect of the crime on the victim and the victim's family;

(ii) a specific statement of pecuniary damages, accompanied by a recommendation from the department regarding the payment of restitution with interest by the defendant in accordance with Title 77, Chapter 38a, Crime Victims Restitution Act;

(iii) findings from any screening and any assessment of the offender conducted under Section 77-18-1.1;

(iv) recommendations for treatment of the offender; and

(v) the number of days since the commission of the offense that the offender has spent in the custody of the jail and the number of days, if any, the offender was released to a supervised release or alternative incarceration program under Section 17-22-5.5.

(c) The contents of the presentence investigation report are protected and are not available except by court order for purposes of sentencing as provided by rule of the Judicial Council or for use by the department.

(6) (a) The department shall provide the presentence investigation report to the defendant's attorney, or the defendant if not represented by counsel, the prosecutor, and the court for review, three working days prior to sentencing. Any alleged inaccuracies in the presentence investigation report, which have not been resolved by the parties and the department prior to sentencing, shall be brought to the attention of the sentencing judge, and the judge may grant an additional 10 working days to resolve the alleged inaccuracies of the report with the department. If after 10 working days the inaccuracies cannot be resolved, the court shall make a determination of relevance and accuracy on the record.

(b) If a party fails to challenge the accuracy of the presentence investigation report at the time of sentencing, that matter shall be considered to be waived.

(7) At the time of sentence, the court shall receive any testimony, evidence, or information the defendant or the prosecuting attorney desires to present concerning the appropriate sentence. This testimony, evidence, or information shall be presented in open court on record and in the presence of the defendant.

(8) While on probation, and as a condition of probation, the court may require that the defendant:

(a) perform any or all of the following:

(i) pay, in one or several sums, any fine imposed at the time of being placed on probation;

(ii) pay amounts required under Title 77, Chapter 32a, Defense Costs;

(iii) provide for the support of others for whose support the defendant is legally liable;

(iv) participate in available treatment programs, including any treatment program in which the defendant is currently participating, if the program is acceptable to the court;

(v) serve a period of time, not to exceed one year, in a county jail designated by the department, after considering any recommendation by the court as to which jail the court finds most appropriate;

(vi) serve a term of home confinement, which may include the use of electronic monitoring;

(vii) participate in compensatory service restitution programs, including the compensatory service program provided in Section 76-6-107.1;

(viii) pay for the costs of investigation, probation, and treatment services;

(ix) make restitution or reparation to the victim or victims with interest in accordance with Title 77, Chapter 38a, Crime Victims Restitution Act; and

(x) comply with other terms and conditions the court considers appropriate; and

(b) if convicted on or after May 5, 1997:

(i) complete high school classwork and obtain a high school graduation diploma, a GED certificate, or a vocational certificate at the defendant's own expense if the defendant has not received the diploma, GED certificate, or vocational certificate prior to being placed on probation; or

(ii) provide documentation of the inability to obtain one of the items listed in Subsection (8)(b)(i) because of:

(A) a diagnosed learning disability; or

(B) other justified cause.

(9) The department shall collect and disburse the account receivable as defined by Section 76-3-201.1, with interest and any other costs assessed under Section 64-13-21 during:

(a) the parole period and any extension of that period in accordance with Subsection 77-27-6(4); and

(b) the probation period in cases for which the court orders supervised probation and any extension of that period by the department in accordance with Subsection (10).

(10) (a) (i) Probation may be terminated at any time at the discretion of the court or upon completion without violation of 36 months probation in felony or class A misdemeanor cases, or 12 months in cases of class B or C misdemeanors or infractions.

(ii) (A) If, upon expiration or termination of the probation period under Subsection (10)(a)(i), there remains an unpaid balance upon the account receivable as defined in Section 76-3-201.1, the court may retain jurisdiction of the case and continue the defendant on bench probation for the limited purpose of enforcing the payment of the account receivable. If the court retains jurisdiction for this limited purpose, the court may order the defendant to pay to the court the costs associated with continued probation under this Subsection (10).

(B) In accordance with Section 77-18-6, the court shall record in the registry of civil judgments any unpaid balance not already recorded and immediately transfer responsibility to collect the account to the Office of State Debt Collection.

(iii) Upon motion of the Office of State Debt Collection, prosecutor, victim, or upon its own motion, the court may require the defendant to show cause why the defendant's failure to pay should not be treated as contempt of court.

(b) (i) The department shall notify the sentencing court, the Office of State Debt Collection, and the prosecuting attorney in writing in advance in all cases when termination of supervised probation will occur by law.

(ii) The notification shall include a probation progress report and complete report of details on outstanding accounts receivable.

(11) (a) (i) Any time served by a probationer outside of confinement after having been charged with a probation violation and prior to a hearing to revoke probation does not constitute service of time toward the total probation term unless the probationer is exonerated at a hearing to revoke the probation.

(ii) Any time served in confinement awaiting a hearing or decision concerning revocation of probation does not constitute service of time toward the total probation term unless the probationer is exonerated at the hearing.

(b) The running of the probation period is tolled upon the filing of a violation report with the court alleging a violation of the terms and conditions of probation or upon the issuance of an order to show cause or warrant by the court.

(12) (a) (i) Probation may not be modified or extended except upon waiver of a hearing by the probationer or upon a hearing and a finding in court that the probationer has violated the conditions of probation.

(ii) Probation may not be revoked except upon a hearing in court and a finding that the conditions of probation have been violated.

(b) (i) Upon the filing of an affidavit alleging with particularity facts asserted to constitute violation of the conditions of probation, the court that authorized probation shall determine if the affidavit establishes probable cause to believe that revocation, modification, or extension of probation is justified.

(ii) If the court determines there is probable cause, it shall cause to be served on the defendant a warrant for the defendant's arrest or a copy of the affidavit and an order to show cause why the defendant's probation should not be revoked, modified, or extended.

(c) (i) The order to show cause shall specify a time and place for the hearing and shall be served upon the defendant at least five days prior to the hearing.

(ii) The defendant shall show good cause for a continuance.

(iii) The order to show cause shall inform the defendant of a right to be represented by counsel at the hearing and to have counsel appointed if the defendant is indigent.

(iv) The order shall also inform the defendant of a right to present evidence.

(d) (i) At the hearing, the defendant shall admit or deny the allegations of the affidavit.

(ii) If the defendant denies the allegations of the affidavit, the prosecuting attorney shall present evidence on the allegations.

(iii) The persons who have given adverse information on which the allegations are based shall be presented as witnesses subject to questioning by the defendant unless the court for good cause otherwise orders.

(iv) The defendant may call witnesses, appear and speak in the defendant's own behalf, and present evidence.

(e) (i) After the hearing the court shall make findings of fact.

(ii) Upon a finding that the defendant violated the conditions of probation, the court may order the probation revoked, modified, continued, or that the entire probation term commence anew.

(iii) If probation is revoked, the defendant shall be sentenced or the sentence previously imposed shall be executed.

(13) The court may order the defendant to commit himself or herself to the custody of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health for treatment at the Utah State Hospital as a condition of probation or stay of sentence, only after the superintendent of the Utah State Hospital or the superintendent's designee has certified to the court that:

(a) the defendant is appropriate for and can benefit from treatment at the state hospital;

(b) treatment space at the hospital is available for the defendant; and

(c) persons described in Subsection 62A-15-610(2)(g) are receiving priority for treatment over the defendants described in this Subsection (13).

(14) Presentence investigation reports are classified protected in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act. Notwithstanding Sections 63G-2-403 and 63G-2-404, the State Records Committee may not order the disclosure of a presentence investigation report. Except for disclosure at the time of sentencing pursuant to this section, the department may disclose the presentence investigation only when:

(a) ordered by the court pursuant to Subsection 63G-2-202(7);

(b) requested by a law enforcement agency or other agency approved by the department for purposes of supervision, confinement, and treatment of the offender;

(c) requested by the Board of Pardons and Parole;

(d) requested by the subject of the presentence investigation report or the subject's authorized representative; or

(e) requested by the victim of the crime discussed in the presentence investigation report or the victim's authorized representative, provided that the disclosure to the victim shall include only information relating to statements or materials provided by the victim, to the circumstances of the crime including statements by the defendant, or to the impact of the crime on the victim or the victim's household.

(15) (a) The court shall consider home confinement as a condition of probation under the supervision of the department, except as provided in Sections 76-3-406 and 76-5-406.5.

(b) The department shall establish procedures and standards for home confinement, including electronic monitoring, for all individuals referred to the department in accordance with Subsection (16).

(16) (a) If the court places the defendant on probation under this section, it may order the defendant to participate in home confinement through the use of electronic monitoring as described in this section until further order of the court.

(b) The electronic monitoring shall alert the department and the appropriate law

enforcement unit of the defendant's whereabouts.

(c) The electronic monitoring device shall be used under conditions which require:

- (i) the defendant to wear an electronic monitoring device at all times; and
- (ii) that a device be placed in the home of the defendant, so that the defendant's compliance with the court's order may be monitored.

(d) If a court orders a defendant to participate in home confinement through electronic monitoring as a condition of probation under this section, it shall:

- (i) place the defendant on probation under the supervision of the Department of Corrections;

- (ii) order the department to place an electronic monitoring device on the defendant and install electronic monitoring equipment in the residence of the defendant; and

- (iii) order the defendant to pay the costs associated with home confinement to the department or the program provider.

(e) The department shall pay the costs of home confinement through electronic monitoring only for those persons who have been determined to be indigent by the court.

(f) The department may provide the electronic monitoring described in this section either directly or by contract with a private provider.

Amended by Chapter 120, 2014 General Session

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77-18-1.1. Screening, assessment, and treatment.

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Assessment" has the same meaning as in Section 41-6a-501.

- (b) "Convicted" means:

- (i) a conviction by entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, guilty with a mental illness, or no contest; and

- (ii) conviction of any crime or offense.

- (c) "Screening" has the same meaning as in Section 41-6a-501.

- (d) "Substance abuse treatment" means treatment obtained through a substance abuse program that is licensed by the Office of Licensing within the Department of Human Services.

(2) On or after July 1, 2009, the courts of the judicial districts where the Drug Offender Reform Act under Section 63M-7-305 is implemented shall, in coordination with the local substance abuse authority regarding available resources, order offenders convicted of a felony to:

- (a) participate in a screening prior to sentencing;

- (b) participate in an assessment prior to sentencing if the screening indicates an assessment to be appropriate; and

- (c) participate in substance abuse treatment if:

- (i) the assessment indicates treatment to be appropriate;

- (ii) the court finds treatment to be appropriate for the offender; and

(iii) the court finds the offender to be an appropriate candidate for community-based supervision.

(3) The findings from any screening and any assessment conducted under this section shall be part of the presentence investigation report submitted to the court before sentencing of the offender.

(4) Money appropriated by the Legislature to assist in the funding of the screening, assessment, substance abuse treatment, and supervision provided under this section is not subject to any requirement regarding matching funds from a state or local governmental entity.

Amended by Chapter 342, 2011 General Session

Amended by Chapter 366, 2011 General Session

77-18-3. Disposition of fines.

Fines imposed by the district court shall be paid as provided in Section 78A-5-110.

Amended by Chapter 3, 2008 General Session

77-18-4. Sentence -- Term -- Construction.

(1) Whenever a person is convicted of a crime and the judgment provides for a commitment to the state prison, the court shall not fix a definite term of imprisonment unless otherwise provided by law.

(2) The sentence and judgment of imprisonment shall be for an indeterminate term of not less than the minimum and not to exceed the maximum term provided by law for the particular crime.

(3) Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, every sentence, regardless of its form or terms, which purports to be for a shorter or different period of time, shall be construed to be a sentence for the term between the minimum and maximum periods of time provided by law and shall continue until the maximum period has been reached unless sooner terminated or commuted by authority of the Board of Pardons and Parole.

Amended by Chapter 13, 1994 General Session

77-18-5. Reports by courts and prosecuting attorneys to Board of Pardons and Parole.

In cases where an indeterminate sentence is imposed, the judge and prosecuting attorney may, within 30 days, mail a statement to the Board of Pardons and Parole setting forth the term for which the prisoner ought to be imprisoned together with any information which might aid the board in passing on the application for termination or commutation of the sentence or for parole or pardon.

Amended by Chapter 13, 1994 General Session

77-18-5.5. Judgment of death -- Method is lethal injection -- Exceptions for use of firing squad.

(1) When a defendant is convicted of a capital felony and the judgment of death has been imposed, lethal intravenous injection is the method of execution.

(2) Subsection (1) applies to any defendant sentenced to death on or after May 3, 2004.

(3) If a court holds that a defendant has a right to be executed by a firing squad, the method of execution for that defendant shall be a firing squad. This Subsection (3) applies to any defendant whose right to be executed by a firing squad is preserved by that judgment.

(4) (a) If a court holds that execution by lethal injection is unconstitutional on its face, the method of execution shall be a firing squad.

(b) If a court holds that execution by lethal injection is unconstitutional as applied, the method of execution for that defendant shall be a firing squad.

Amended by Chapter 51, 2004 General Session

77-18-6. Judgment to pay fine or restitution constitutes a lien.

(1) (a) In cases not supervised by the Department of Corrections, the clerk of the district court shall:

(i) transfer the responsibility to collect past due accounts receivable to the Office of State Debt Collection when the accounts receivable are 90 days or more past due;

(ii) before transferring the responsibility to collect the past due account receivable to the Office of State Debt Collection, record each judgment of conviction of a crime that orders the payment of a fine, forfeiture, surcharge, cost permitted by statute, or fee in the registry of civil judgments, listing the Office of State Debt Collection as the judgment creditor; and

(iii) receive notification from the Office of State Debt Collection when a civil judgment ordered for payment of accounts receivable, as defined in Section 76-3-201.1, has been satisfied.

(b) (i) The clerk of court shall record each judgment of conviction that orders the payment of restitution to a victim in the registry of civil judgments, listing the victim, or the estate of the victim, as the judgment creditor.

(ii) The Department of Corrections shall collect the judgment on behalf of the victim as provided in Subsection 77-18-1(9).

(iii) The court shall collect the judgment on behalf of the victim as provided in Subsection 78A-2-214(2).

(iv) The victim may collect the judgment.

(v) The victim is responsible for timely renewal of the judgment under Section 78B-5-202.

(2) When a fine, forfeiture, surcharge, cost, fee, or restitution is recorded in the registry of civil judgments, the judgment:

(a) constitutes a lien;

(b) has the same effect and is subject to the same rules as a judgment for

money in a civil action; and

(c) may be collected by any means authorized by law for the collection of a civil judgment.

Amended by Chapter 170, 2014 General Session

77-18-6.5. Liability of rescued person for costs of emergency response.

(1) Any person who violates Section 76-6-206.1 whose conduct required emergency care, rescue, assistance, or recovery services at the scene of an abandoned or inactive mine may be charged with the expenses incurred in meeting the emergency.

(2) The court's order shall be a judgment which orders the payment of reimbursement to any public agency or private body that incurred the expenses. The judgment shall constitute a lien when recorded in the judgment docket and shall have the same effect and is subject to the same rules as a judgment for money in a civil action.

(3) The liability imposed under this section is in addition to and not in limitation of any other liability that may be imposed.

Enacted by Chapter 223, 1997 General Session

77-18-7. Costs imposed on defendant -- Restrictions.

Unless specifically authorized by statute, a defendant shall not be required to pay court costs in a criminal case either as a part of a sentence or as a condition of probation or dismissal.

Enacted by Chapter 15, 1980 General Session

77-18-8. Fine not paid -- Commitment.

When a defendant is sentenced to pay a fine in addition to a jail or a prison sentence and the judgment is that the jail or prison sentence be suspended upon payment of the fine, the service of the jail or prison sentence shall satisfy the judgment. If a defendant fails to pay the fine and thereafter the court finds that the defendant failed to make a good faith effort to pay the fine, the court may, after a hearing, order the execution of the suspended jail or prison sentence. If a defendant is sentenced to pay a fine only or is sentenced to jail or prison and a fine, with neither suspended, he shall not later be committed to jail for failure to pay the fine.

Enacted by Chapter 15, 1980 General Session